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SUBJECT : LOCAL REACTION TO DOLE-STONE AMENDMENT

1. ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS JULY 26 AND 27 HEADLINED
STORY OF SENATE PASSAGE OF DOLE-STONE AMENDMENT BY
VOTE OF 94-0. PAPERS CARRIED "FULL TEXT" OF AMENDMENT
(NOTE: EMBASSY PRESUMES NEWSPAPER IS ACCURATE). NEWS
OF THE AMENDMENT WAS EAGERLY GREETED IN ROC AND
GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS SIGN OF SUPPORT FOR ROC AND
SETBACK TO NORMALIZATION PLANS.

2. THE INDEPENDENT CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO JULY 27
EXCLUSIVELY REPORTED SECRETARY VANCE'S ASSURANCES THAT
CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL ABIDE BY THE DOLE-STONE
AMENDMENT. PORTIONS OF VANCE'S JULY 25 LETTER TO
CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN WERE QUOTED IN ARTICLE BY CKSP
CORRESPONDENT FU CHIEN-CHUNG (COMMENT: MOFA NORTH
AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED FULL TEXT OF VANCE
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LETTER FROM EMBASSY BUT AS WITH TEXT OF DOLE-STONE
AMENDMENT EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE).

3. OFFICIAL GROC COMMENT WAS MADE BY MOFA SPOKESMAN
CHIN CHU-CHI (CHARLES KING) IN COMMENTS TO REPORTERS
WHEN DISCUSSING DOLE-STONE AMENDMENT. CHIN SAID
SENATE APPROVAL SHOWED THAT U.S. SENATE ATTACHES GREAT

IMPORTANCE TO EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN ROC AND U.S. AND THAT 94-0 VOTE SHOWED U.S. SENATE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US/ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, AND SENATE'S CONSIDERATION THAT CONTINUED SECURITY OF EAST ASIA IS A MATTER OF MAJOR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S.

4. LOCAL PRESS HAS WIDELY QUOTED APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANCE TO US/ROC RELATIONS BY FIGURES SUCH AS KMT CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER KU CHENG-KANG, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR T'SAI WEI-P'ING, AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, ONE OF WHOM NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH AMENDMENT HAS NO LEGALLY BINDING POWER, IT DEMONSTRATED THE SENATE'S POSITION TOWARD ADMINISTRATION'S CHINA POLICY AND THEREFORE WAS POLITICALLY VERY INFLUENTIAL. ANALYSES BY COMMENTATORS AND EDITORS EMPHASIZED THAT AMENDMENT RECEIVED BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT, EXPRESSED CONCERN OF U.S. PEOPLE AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FOR ROC, CONCERN FOR SECURITY IN EAST ASIA AND ROLE OF CHECKS AND BALANCES IN U.S. POLITICS WHICH COULD LEAD TO STRENGTHENING OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION POSITION VIS-A-VIS PRC. COMMENTATORS WELCOMED THE BELIEF THAT AMENDMENT WOULD FORCE USG TO ADOPT A MORE CAREFUL ATTITUDE TOWARD NORMALIZATION.

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5. GROC CONTACTS, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN (PARA 2) AND PLEASED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON IT.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GROC MAY NOT HAVE YET DECIDED BEST WAY TO PLAY PERHAPS UNEXPECTED WINDFALL OF SENATE VOTE ON DOLE-STONE AMENDMENT. IF THEY DETERMINE CURRENT SENSE OF THE SENATE WILL EFFECTIVELY DELAY OR INDEFINITELY POSTPONE NORMALIZATION, GROC MAY DECIDE TO HOLD UP ANY FINAL DECISIONS ON ITS STRATEGY CONCERNING RESPONSE TO U.S. NORMALIZATION EFFORTS, AT LEAST UNTIL IT DETERMINES DIRECTION IN WHICH US/CHINA POLICY IS HEADED. UNGER

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